

REMARKS

Claims 1- 10 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are amended. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 9 were rejected as being anticipated by Tado et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,973,411). Claim 8 was rejected as being anticipated by Stippler (U.S. Patent No. 6,218,932). Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9 were rejected as being unpatentable over Wittwer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,776,016) in view of Tado et al.

None of Tado, Stippler, and Wittwer discloses the coil antenna being arranged around the push button switch, as recited in each of independent claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. This feature is supported in page 16, lines 16-17 and Fig. 3 of the present specification. Rather, Tado discloses arranging the coil antenna 2a₂ adjacent to the key cylinder 2. Stippler discloses the transceiver unit 2 connected to antennas 3, 3', 3", 3' " that are arranged in driver's side door, front-seat passenger side door, rear driver's side side doors and tailgate. Wittwer discloses the printed circuit board 66 arranged close to the diodes 46, 46' and the transponder 43. Accordingly, we believe that the present invention is patentable over Tado, Stippler, or Wittwer.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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